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From Your (doodling) Editor:


I have never been a doodler — you know the kind that draw wonderful pictures and doodles on paper while they are listening to something ... uh ... kinda. I have never done that. Until now. I have discovered **Doodle** (www.doodle.com)! What a wonderful scheduling tool it is! **Doodle** will allow you to discover a time when 16 busy, super busy, mega busy people can all meet together in the same room! Hooray for **Doodle**!

And, while we were doodling in downtown Charleston, SC, our **crack ATG team** were putting together this issue of **ATG** which is guest edited by the marvelous **Rosann Bazirjian** (Dean of University Libraries, UNC-Greensboro). This issue is about **entrepreneurship in libraries**, a growing trend and includes articles by **Steven Bell**, **Jennnifer Calvo**, **Michael J.**

Crumpton, **Anita Norton**, **Doug Boyd**, and **Adam Corson-Finnerty**. Much to ponder and implement! We also have several opinion editorials by **Jonathan Lauer** (technology versus letterhead), **Bob Holley** (The Google Book Settlement) and **Steven Shapiro** (names, names, names), a couple of special reports from **Mary Anyomi** (website accessibility) and **Carol Singer** (purchasing print or online resources), and interviews with **Steve Bosch** and **Beth Jefferson**. Besides the regular columns: benefits and challenges of acquisitions in a consortium (**Biz of Acq**), book selection then and now (**Random Ramblings**), social networking sites (**Little Red Herrings**), Dreams (**Book-lover**), print and electronic reference collections (**Lost in Austin**), writing an acquisitions procedure manual (**Building Library collec-**

tions), and many, many more, we have some new submissions by **Jesse Holden** (Acquisitions Archaeology, don't you love it?) and **Steve McKinzie** (590 Local notes about collection development and discards).

Guess it's time to hush and get to reading. And I have to get back to my doodling! Still have to cajole some people into filling out their doodle! Can you believe it?

Love, Yr. Ed. 




Letters to the Editor

Send letters to <kstrauch@comcast.net>, phone or fax 843-723-3536, or snail mail: **Against the Grain**, MSC 98, The Citadel, Charleston, SC 29409. You can also send a letter to the editor from the **ATG Homepage** at <http://www.against-the-grain.com>.

Dear Editor:

A little over a year ago I had the hubris to set myself up as a for-hire writer and consultant. While I'm frequently among the ranks of the self-unemployed, words matter to me, so it is with several kinds of professional interest that I peruse each issue of **Against The Grain** when it arrives. It is with some pride, and more than a little awe, that I read the articles written by my former colleagues **Bob Nardini** and **Celia Wagner** in the June issue of **ATG**. Pride at having, through no fault of my own, worked with both of these people, and awe because their writing is so effortless, yet so entertaining to read. Writers are not made by labels, but by the quality of their work. However they characterize themselves, **Celia** and **Bob** are exceptional writers who helped make the last issue of **ATG** a pleasure to read.

Bob Schatz


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Charleston Conference	November 2009	09/02/09	09/30/09
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 09/Jan. 2010	10/21/09	11/11/09
2010 Events	Issue	Ad Reservation	Camera-Ready
Annual Report, PLA	Feb 2010	11/04/09	12/02/09
MLA, SLA	April 2010	02/03/10	02/24/10
ALA Annual	June 2010	03/17/10	04/07/10
Reference Publishing	September 2010	06/30/10	07/21/10
Charleston Conference	November 2010	08/11/10	09/01/10
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 2010/Jan. 2011	10/30/10	11/10/10

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Xan and **Leah Hinds** <leah@katina.info> have been setting up **Facebook** accounts and **Twitter** accounts for the **Conference**. In fact, yours truly just went in and signed up (I think) today! This means that there will be new and improved virtual connectivity with the **Charleston Conference** this year! Come on down! Hip! Hip! Hooray!

Was interested to see that the **OCLC Board of Trustees** has convened a **Record Use Policy Council** which will draw upon the fundamental values of the **OCLC** cooperative and engage with the global library community to develop the next generation of the **WorldCat Record Use Policy**. The formation of this council was one of the recommendations contained in the final report of the **OCLC Review Board** on the **Principles of Shared Data Creation and Stewardship** formed in January 2009 to represent the membership and inform **OCLC** on best practices for sharing library data

http://www.oclc.org/us/en/worldcat/catalog/FinalReport_ReviewBoard.pdf

Let's see. Oh! We are trialing **Greenr**, a new database from **Gale** and I had a great conversation with the top-of-the-line **Laura Berg** <laura.berg@cengage.com>. Speaking about that, on top of everything else, **Laura** was out for a couple of days (bought her first home — sheer craziness, she says!) so we could not hook up at **ALA** in Chicago. On the plus side, **Laura's** field partner, the blonde beauty **Tracie Lee** <tracie.lee@cengage.com> was at the booth instead!

More Chicago! Stopped by the **Blackwell** booth to see a taste of the results of an agreement between **Blackwell** and **Ingram Digital**, giving **Blackwell** eBook distribution rights to libraries around the world via **Ingram's MyiLibrary** platform, with the exception of the United Kingdom and Canada. The agreement will allow **Blackwell Digital Services** customers to discover and order **MyiLibrary** eBooks via **Collection Manager**, the Blackwell interface. **MyiLibrary** currently hosts over 185,000 eBooks and is used by hundreds of academic, public, and professional libraries around the world. And **Blackwell's Collection Manager** has just been released in a new version, providing sophisticated faceted search capabilities using the

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